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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97-1.98, the references listed and identified on the attached Form PTO/SB08A are being submitted herewith for consideration by the Examiner. This Statement is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d), i.e., after the mailing date of a final rejection, or a notice of allowance, but before payment of the issue fee. The undersigned certifies that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement, i.e., October 2, 2003.

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A petition requesting consideration of this Statement, and a petition fee as set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) are enclosed herewith.

While this Statement is being filed in compliance with the duty of disclosure, citation of the attached references is not to be construed as an admission that any of the references are "material" as defined under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

A copy of each reference listed on the attached Form PTO/SB08A is included herewith. Consideration and entry into the record of these references is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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